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PROPAGATION: May 17, 18, Disturbed; May 19, Low Normal; May 20, High Normal; May 21, Low//below Normal; May 22, 23, High Normal; May 24, 25, Low Normal; May 26, High Normal; May 27, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Flux (84)	Date	Flux (85)	Alpha (85)	K (85)
190	145	143	151	5/2	75	30	3
183	145	137	142	5/3	71	8	3
218	142	131	121	5/4	70	12	1
233	146	129	118	5/5	70	10	3
227	150	129	113	5/6	74	15	2
230	148	115	106	5/7	78	10	3
222	148	125	116	5/8	80	14	3
215	137	125	120	5/9	88	12	2

KH6BZF Reports: Best HF propagation days expected to be May 22,23, 31, Jun 1. The sun's active region 4647 passed over the limb May 2; it was the one which provided recent sunspot activity and geomagnetic disturbances between Apr 19 and May 2.

CORRECTION: Regarding the 24 MHz band, which will open for U.S. amateurs June 22, the band (24.890-24.990) will be segmented. While CW will be allowed over the entire band, SSB will be allowed only on 24.930-24.990.

FIELD DAY contacts on the new 24 MHz band will not count for credit, unless the Executive Committee, which meets May 18, changes their policy about no contest or awards credits on any of the WARC bands. This policy has been blamed for the lack of enthusiasm for the new 10 MHz band, which has been open for several years. It should be noted that Field Day is not, and has never been, a contest per se. It is, rather, an "emergency exercise" and a chance to display amateur radio to the public.

As for our comments in Issue 286 about publications, we have learned that ARRL has once again changed the name of their Communication Department publication, this time from QCD to the "Field Forum."

Here are more details on award presentations at the April Fresno International DX Convention: W6QD was elected to the CQ DX Hall of Fame for his "early contribuion to DX" and the fact that he was the 'grandfather' of the CQ World-wide DX Contest and the WAZ program, in the late 1940's.

The Dick Spenceley, KV4AA memorial award was presented to Dick Norton, for making the most QSOs in the 1983 CQ WW CW Contest. Finally, CQ's WPX award was originated by KV4AA, when he was DX editor of CQ in the early 1950's. TDXB thanks Frank Anzalone, contest calendar editor of CQ, for these clarifications.

It was also reported that the SW Ohio DX Association presented awards for "Outstanding Achievement" to OH2BH and CE0AA at the Dayton Hamvention.

The 1985 Radio Society of Great Britain HF Convention will be Sunday, Sep 29, near Oxford. The program is not yet finalized but is expected to include two lecture "streams," DX and contest forums, and other activities. The RSGB believes the Clipperton DX Convention will be held in Paris on Saturday, Sep 21, offering overseas amateurs a chance to attend both events. (TNX G3ZAY).

DA2AA has made a change in his plans for Rhodes (K7VAY/SV5) next month...instead of QRP he's going "high power" with a hundred watts, in light of current band conditions.

During the CQ WPX Contest CW (May 25/26) several Norwegians will operate from Morokulien, signing LB5LG. Operators will be LA4DCA, LU8UU, LA9HW, and LB3HC. QSLs to LA2ZN.

W2QM, Dave Beckwith, will lead a group of North Jersey DX Association members to Antigua for nine days, May 14-23, he said recently. There was no mention of callsign. QSL to W2QM.

A new American on Diego Garcia is Frank, VQ9FS, has been worked on 20 SSB around 2000Z, according to KA3IFX. QSL manager is WA4CYR. VQ9CK is also active, QSL to WB3CQN.

VE1ASJ says he will activate Sable Island May 20-25, signing CY0SAB on both CW and SSB.

China continues to show on 20; latest reports, according to the W1AW bulletin, put BY1QH on 14.226 at 2345 in a list operation, and BY1PK on 14.060 at 0045Z Saturday.

5X5GK was saying the other day that his wife is going to be in the States soon and is going to hand-deliver a photocopy of his visa to Newington. Nothing mentioned about delivering any amateur radio authorization, though.

We are sorry to report that our note in Issue 279 about an IRC source has brought several responses...one JA DXer sent a fairly large sum of money and got no results. Others report sending checks which were never cashed. So, DO NOT send for IRCs to Bernie McClenny, WB3JRU.

SV0DK is saying he has received Mt Athos permission, for a 2-day operation, but he is trying to get clearance for a longer stay. He says the monks "are not friendly" on that score, however. (K9RHY)

YS1UL, Bob Llach, died recently after a short illness. He was president of the YSDX Club and an active DXer. Memorial donations to the Club will be given to a local orphanage, in Bob's name. The Club is at PO Box 05-43, San Salvador, El Salvador.

The International Amateur Radio Club is a group of volunteers who keep 4U1ITU running in Geneva. President F8RU will retire from his post next month. A package of materials

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regarding the station is available from the club if you're going to be in Geneva; write for it at PO BOX 6, 1211 Geneva 20 Switzerland. A recent visitor says that in addition to going to see/operate 4U1ITU, you should stop for food at the La Siesta Pizza restaurant, operated by Pierre, HB9AMO.

DX from Alaska may be better than we thought, if this letter from KF7S/KL7 is any indication (first published in Totem Tabloid):

"I am serving in the U.S. Air Force on Shemya Island, a small tundra-covered atoll at the western end of the Aleutian Islands. The DX from here is fantastic, to say the least. On 80 Meters I have almost 100 countries in five months of operation.

"My only gripe about 80 Meters is the way some DXers handle themselves - on Friday, March 29, my friend BY4AA (VE7BC operating) stopped by to say 'hi' and ask if I could assist him in working North America. For the next hour it was total chaos.

"I was trying to help as many through as I could, by taking a list of 5 stations at a time. As stations tried to get reports from BY4AA, at least 10-15 people kept calling, no matter how many times I told all stations to stand by. Then there were the deliverate QRMers, etc.

"I have 'run' BY4AA, BY5RA, and BY1PK on 80 Meters. But in the future when (something rare) shows up, I would like a West Coast station with a good beam to assist in keeping everyone quiet."

CYPRUS BASES - ANOTHER VIEW

"A number of battered DXers, who had clawed thei r way to within a card or two of the Honor Roll, had it snatched away by the ZC4 ('Sovereign' British Bases on Cyprus) decision. For forty years Americans have been operating from U.S. bases in Japan and Okinawa. It is laughable to think that the British bases on Cyprus could be any more 'sovereign' than the American bases in Japan - or in a number of other countries, for that matter.

"The 'KA' licensing authority is United States Forces Japan, not the Japanese government. Yet they (KA stations) count exactly the same as JA stations for DXCC. As a matter of fact, JA's were not even permitted to work KA stations, because the Japanese government considers them 'Auxiliary Military Radio Stations' rather than 'amateurs.' But they have always counted as 'hams' for DXCC purposes.

"The U.S. embassy in every foreign country and every foreign embassy in the U.S. are 'extraterritorial,' that is, considered the sovereign soil of the mother country, yet none count as 'countries' for DXCC.

"But the DXAC is still toying with 4U1VIC, the 'Vienna International Center' (which resembles a 'UN Embassy' more than anything else) as a seperate country! All of the arguments used in its favor: size (40 acres), extraterritoriality, postal services, currency, ham licensing authority, etc., are easily met by those US bases in Japan. They may be only military bases - but so are the 'Sovereign British Bases' on Cyprus. And what about the 'Sovereign Military Order of Malta'?

"Let's trade No KA's for No 4U1VIC, OK?" - (K7ZR).

Five years ago in *The DX Bulletin*

(May 16, 1980): At the Fresno DX Convention, Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. He was editor and publisher of the West Coast DX Bulletin from 1968 to 1979, and published virtually every week during that period, for a total of about 600 issues.

Dave Gardner returned from his K6LPL/KH3 operation, which produced 12,000 contacts from Palmyra. 4Z4TT was traveling in the Pacific, operating from Tokelau (ZM7AA). His QSLing policies would later create a stir.

SM0AGD moved from Guinea-Bissau to Swaziland (SM0AGD/3D6); well-known VU2GO was killed in a traffic accident; KP2A operated from 9N1MM.

At the peak of Sunspot Cycle 21, in May 1980, 10 Meters had done its usual act of drying up for the summer...some of the newer DXers were afraid it would never come back!

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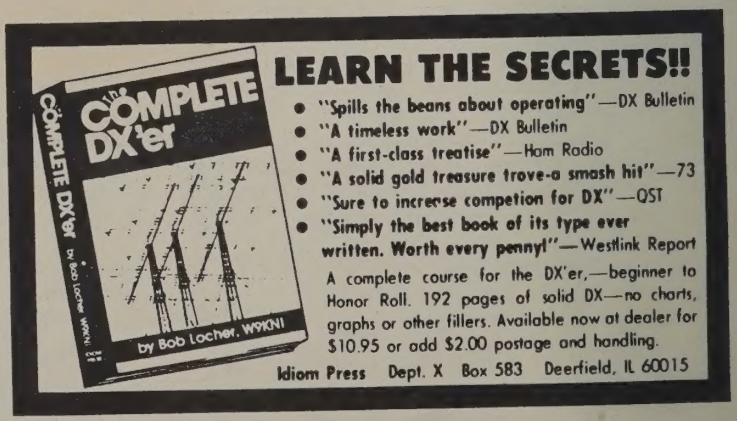
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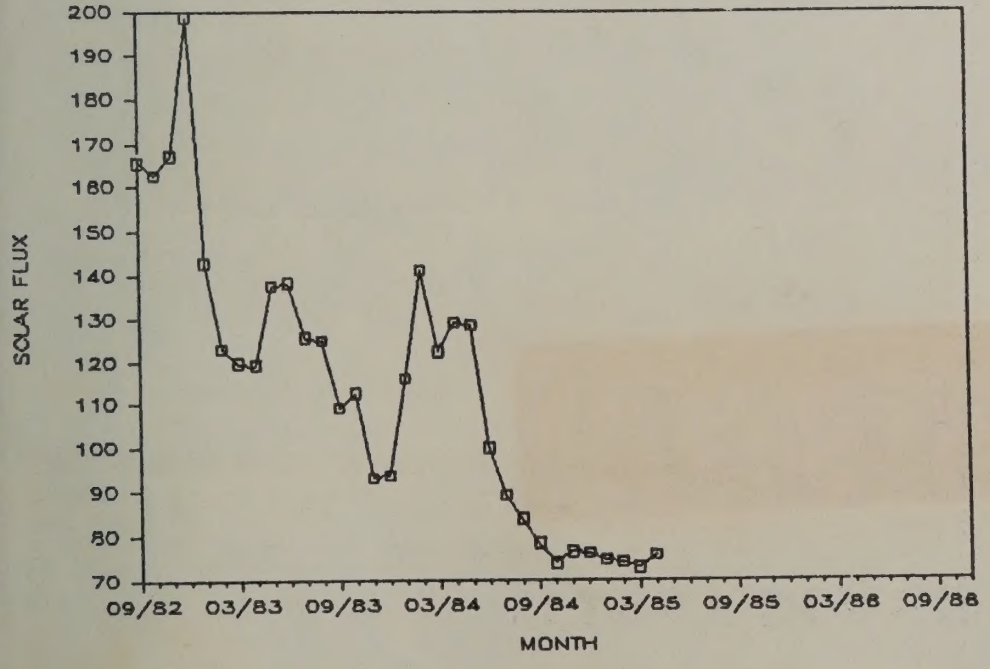

AVERAGE SOLAR FLUX PER MONTH

(chart by KA1BU)

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CAMBODIA	XU1SS rumored on again; no reports
CHAD	G3KQ1 rumored there in May, July
SUDAN	DL8YR/ST2 reported in Eu, 20 CW, 1900Z
GUINEA	DL7AH/3X rumored continues until June
UGANDA	By KC7UU possible soon; I285
PITCAIRN	DXPress says ZL4DW/VR6AB there for next two months, Saturday best
CRETE	DL7FT/SV9 May 12-24; I285
SABLE	CY0SAB by VE1ASJ May 20-25
FRANZ JOSEF	UA1OT, UW3HY/1, and EO1AOK all active
CHINA	BY5RA with W7PHO 14.227/0000Z; Issue 287 DK7PE there June 9; I285
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S SHETLANDS	4K1F there on 40, 20 CW; need reports
CYPRUS	RAF bases DXCC credit Jun 1; I274
MOZAMBIQUE	C90A active, no DXCC credit; Issue 281
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GUINEA-BISSAU	No J5WAD reports lately
BALEARIC IS	Rumored by PA2AJS and PA3DOT May 25-Jun 6
MACQUARIE	VK0GC likes 75 SSB at 1000Z; on 20, too
RHODES	K7VAY/SV5 Jun/Jul, CW
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VATICAN	Rumored by 15FLN, 18AA end of June
CONTEST	RSGB Field Day Jun 1,2
S GEORGIA	And S. Sandwich later this year; I284
KERGUELEN	FT8YY rumored coming in Nov for a year
CONTEST	All Asia Phone Jun 15,16
"CONTEST"	ARRL Field Day Jun 22,23
NEW BAND	24 MHz opens for U.S. Jun 22; I287
CONTEST	IARU Radiosport Jul 13,14

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(BOSTON) - ON4UN visited the Southern New England DX Association meeting May 10 and made what was described as a very interesting hour-and-a-half slide presentation. John showed a number of slides of his station, including a well-done home made amplifier.

His talk centered around 80 Meter antennas, especially those for receiving. He was surprised to learn that almost everyone in attendance was using beverage antennas.

The big news is that a revised, expanded version of ON4UN's book, 80 Meter DXing, is in the works; John had the draft of Chapter 1 with him, and it seemed almost as thick as the entire original book. There is not yet a scheduled publication date but obviously this is one book worth waiting for (TNX K1MM).

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